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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6872

BILL NUMBER: SB 203

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 23, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Safety Education for Child Care Ministries.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Division of Family Resources to provide education to a child care ministry concerning safety and specifies certain information to be included..

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires the Division of Family Resources (DFR) to provide education to a child care ministry regarding safety. There are currently 698 unlicensed registered child care ministries in the state of Indiana. The expenditures will depend on administrative decisions on how best to meet the requirements to provide safety education.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

(Revised) **Background Information:** FSSA has 43 vacant budgeted positions worth \$1.5 M that have been vacant for an average of approximately 1.5 years. The average salary of the vacant positions is \$34,200. Additionally, FSSA reverted \$32.3 M to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008, which includes money that was budgeted for the 43 vacant positions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DFR

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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